IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Keiichi ABE et al. : Confirmation No.: 8837

Application No.: 10/507,127 : Group Art Unit: 1794

Filed: September 10, 2004 : Examiner: Thuy Tran Lien

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING SDG AND

FOOD AND DRINK COMPRISING IT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

MAIL STOP: RCE

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Further in response to the FINAL Office Action mailed April 17, 2008, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for extension of time and the requisite fees (second month – first month having been previously paid on August 15, 2008) is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

Applicants submit anew the translation of Masayuki Ishikawa et al., <u>Thin-Layer</u> <u>Chromatography – Basis and Applications</u> (5th ed. 1972), pages 9-11. Applicants also submit an Information Disclosure Statement herewith in order to request acknowledgment of the reference.